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Further to the above-identified Application, there is enclosed herewith the fully executed Declaration of Mr. Satoshi Okano. As the Examiner will note, the enclosed Declaration is identical, in all respects, to the unsigned copy previously filed with our Submission on January 12, 2006.

In view of the foregoing and the enclosed, it is respectfully submitted that the Application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encl: Executed Declaration of Mr. Satoshi Okano signed on January 16, 2006.

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